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## AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.111

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Sir:

This is in response to the official action [non-final rejection] dated July 12, 2005, wherein the claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and § 103(a) and under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. A declaration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.132 and Form TO-1449, which identifies references discussed in the declaration, are submitted herewith. Also is submitted is a petition for a three-month extension of time and payment of the requisite fee. The enclosed petition further authorizes payment of any additionally required fees by the deposit account identified therein.

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